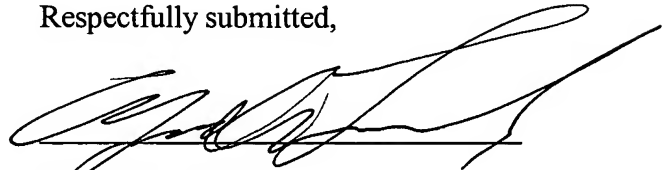


REMARKS

Applicant has amended the present application to indicate national phase entry, to remove multiple dependencies, and to conform the application to proper U.S. practice. It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination, and early passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the number below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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